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1. JAPANESE FONMIN TOSHIO KIMURA, ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE DELEGATION OF EXPERTS ON AFRICA, FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND AID, ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM NOVEMBER 5 FOR THREE DAY VISIT. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON ARRIVAL KIMURA WAS IMMEDIATELY ASKED ABOUT JAPAN'S TRADE LINKS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND IMPORTATION OF CHROME FROM RHODESIA. KIMURA REPLIZC JAPAN SEEKING "TO INCREASE TRADE WITH INDEPENDENT AFRICA SO AS TO MINIMISE HER DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORTS." HE DENIED JAPAN IMPORTS CHROME FROM RHODESIA, SAYING CHARGE WAS MADE AFTER "STATISTICAL DISCREPANCIES" DISCOVERED IN JAPAN'S CHROME IMPORT BILL.

2. FONMIN MALECELA AT DINNER IN HONOR KIMURA REITERATED IN THE

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TANZANIAN CRITICISMS OF JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND

RHODESIA. MELECELA SAID "AFRICA IS TIRED OF ALL THOSE FRIENDS WHO CONTINUE TO TELL US HOW MUCH THEY HATE APARTHEID AND YET FIND NUMEROUS EXCUSES WHY THEY MUST CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH RACISTS WHERE IT PROFITS THEM." SUCH BEHAVIOR "IS AN INSULT TO INTELLIGENCE OF AFRICAN PEOPLE." IN REPLY KIMURA SAID GOJ HAD NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY TRADE LINKS WITH RHODESIA. SUCH TRADE BANNED, INCLUDING TRADE PASSING THROUGH THIRD PARTY. KIMURA DENIED JAPAN HAD OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA APART FROM THOSE AT CONSULAR LEVEL. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT "GIVEN THE PROVISIONS IN OUR CONSTITUTION, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PHOHIBIT TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY, FOR THAT MATTER." IN ORDER TRY TO CORRECT TRADE IMBALANCE, JAPAN HAS DECIDED TO EXPAND TECHNICAL AND TRADE COOPERATION WITH TANZANIA IN ORDER TO INCREASE PRODUCTION HERE OF AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER GOODS THEREBY ENABLING TANZANIA EXPORT MORE GOODS TO JAPAN. KIMURA ALSO "PLEDGED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTRIBUTE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THROUGH UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT UN SOUTH AFRICAN EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM AND UN SOUTH AFRICAN TRUST FUND."

3. PRESIDENT NYERERE AND FONMIN MALECELA HAVE REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED INVITATIONS FROM KIMURA TO VISIT JAPAN. DETAILS OF BOTH VISITS ARE TO BE WORKED OUT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

4. KIMURA SAID HIS TALKS WITH NYERERE AND MELECELA WERE "FRANK AND FRUITFUL, NOT ONLY ON BILATERAL RELATIONS BUT ON QUESTIONS OF AFRICA, THE GENERAL SITUATION IN ASIA AND JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH HER ASIAN NEIGHBORS."

5. NO INFORMATION YET AVAILABLE TO US ON WHETHER KIMURA DISCUSSED WITH TANZANIANS ISSUES OF CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION AT 29TH UNGA OR WITHDRAWAL OF UN TROOPS FROM KOREA. (REFTEL) BEYER

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